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For: QUANTITATIVE PCR METHOD OF  
DETECTING SPECIFIC PLANT GENUS IN  
FOOD OR FOOD INGREDIENT

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 7, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1-8, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.